

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed July 20, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8,10-32,34-47 and 51.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment •
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- a) Claim 1 line 12, change "a power outlet" to --the power outlet--.
- b) Claim 2 line 3, change "sidewall" to --base sidewall--.
- c) Claim 8 line 1, change "sidewall" to --base sidewall--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8, 10-32, 34-47 and 51 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-8, 10-32, 34-47 and 51 are:

Regarding claims 1-8 and 10-13, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitation a combination electrical power and telephone outlet housing comprising means housing means for affixing the power outlet within the combination housing the power outlet comprising a front side having a socket and an outlet body protruding rearward of the front side wherein the power outlet front is affixable to face the inner chamber so as to be substantially flush with the base housing

sidewall, the outlet body contained within the auxiliary inner chamber and connectable to electrical wiring passed through the wiring aperture.

Regarding claims 14-30, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitation a combination outlet housing within a building structure the power outlet housing having a wiring aperture therethrough dimensioned for passing electrical wiring from exterior of the power outlet housing through to the auxiliary inner chamber: and means for affixing power outlet in the apparatus, the power outlet comprising a front side having a socket and an outlet body protruding rearward of the front side, wherein the power outlet front side is affixable to face the inner chamber so as to be substantially flush with one of the base housing sidewalls, the outlet of the base housing sidewalls, the outlet body contained within the auxiliary inner chamber and connectable to electrical wiring passed through the wiring aperture.

Regarding claims 31-32, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations and a base housing cover plate including a plurality of cordless telephone base station mounts adapted to cover the base open front and adapted to connect to the plurality of wall hanging slots of the base station of the cordless telephone to thereby mount the cordless telephone to the interior wall of the building structure.

Regarding claims 34-42, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations an apparatus comprising an alternating current female electrical power outlet positionable between the base inner chamber and

the auxiliary inner chamber and removable therefrom for providing access to the auxiliary inner chamber from the base inner chamber to thereby reduce an overall depth of a combination of the base housing and the power outlet housing within at least one of a furniture and a building structure.

Regarding claims 43-45, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a method for mounting an outlet housing comprising the step of affixing a power outlet apparatus within the outlet housing so that a front side having a socket faces the base inner chamber so as to be substantially flush with the first base sidewall, an outlet body contained within the auxiliary inner chamber and connectable to electrical wiring passed through the wiring aperture and recessing the base housing and power outlet housing within an interior wall surface of the building structure.

Regarding claims 46 and 47, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a method for installing a telephone in a building structure comprising the step of passing the alternating current power plug through the base open front and engaging a socket of the alternating current female electrical power outlet; and positioning major lengthwise extents of a telephone cord connected to the male telephone jack connector and alternating current power cord connected to the alternating current power plug within the base inner chamber.

Regarding claim 51, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a method for mounting cordless device comprising the steps of positioning the alternating current power outlet in bridging relation between the

base inner chamber and the power outlet housing, the front face of the alternating current power outlet facing into the base inner chamber and an outlet body extending rearward of the front face contained within the power outlet housing.

These limitations were found in claims 1-8, 10-32, 34-47 and 51, and are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed on July 20, 2006 have been fully considered and they are persuasive.

In response to the applicant's argument the Examiner agrees that neither Ware (US 3,622,029) nor the cited prior art teach, disclose or suggest an alternating current female electrical power outlet positionable between the base inner chamber and the auxiliary inner chamber and removable therefrom for providing access to the auxiliary inner chamber from the base inner chamber to thereby reduce an overall depth of a combination of the base housing and the power outlet housing within at least one of a furniture and a building structure.

Conclusion

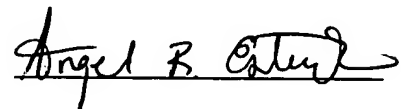
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Angel R. Estrada at telephone number (571) 272-1973. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 -5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext: 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angel R. Estrada", written over a horizontal line.

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